

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault, a violent and devastating crime, affects men, women, and children of all races, ages, and economic situations, and

WHEREAS, The consequences of sexual assault are often severe and long lasting. In addition, the risk of developing posttraumatic stress disorder, depression, and many other psychological or physical ailments increases dramatically for victims of sexual assault, and

WHEREAS, Each year, the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault, in conjunction with other organizations, designates the month of April for an educational campaign to promote awareness and to build upon the network of support that has been mobilized to address this issue, and

WHEREAS, The association and its partners provide training to rape crisis and law enforcement personnel, as well as to volunteers and staff of service agencies and community groups. They also provide outreach to schools and information on topical issues related to sexual assault, and

WHEREAS, The Sexual Assault Services and Information Program at SCAN, Inc. has again this year partnered with the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault in the fight against sexual assault. The SASI Program provides comprehensive services to sexual assault victims and their families in an effort to promote their healing, and provides community education in an effort to prevent sexual assault in our community, and

WHEREAS, At this time, therefore, I encourage all Texans to increase their awareness and work to prevent sexual assault in communities across this great state. Together, united in this effort, we can continue to make a difference, and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Louis H. Bruni, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Webb County Judge, and on behalf of the Commissioner's Court, do hereby proclaim April 2004:

"Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month"

In Webb County, Texas and urge the appropriate recognition thereof.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto signed our names officially and caused the Official Seal of Webb County, Texas to be affixed on this 02nd day of April, 2004.

The Honorable Louis H. Bruni
Webb County Judge

The Honorable Jerry Vasquez
Webb County Commissioner Pct. 1

The Honorable Judith G. Gutierrez
Webb County Commissioner Pct. 2

The Honorable Felix Velasquez
Webb County Commissioner Pct. 3

The Honorable David R. Cortez
Webb County Commissioner Pct. 4